



Mennino Place

Artist Preference - Resident Selection Policy

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Half of the apartments in Mennino Place are set aside with a preference for artists. Once the property manager has determined income eligibility, applicants who have claimed an artist tenant selection preference will be asked to support their activities per the guidelines outlined below. Prospective residents will be asked to demonstrate that they are actively engaged in an art form. The content and/or quality of an applicant's artistic work will not be judged.

Definition of Artist

For the purpose of this preference, the definition of an artist is an individual who has seriously committed themselves to professional production of their respective art form, (i.e., exhibitions, performances, screenings, grants, publications, reviews, commissions, or peer recognition). Art disciplines are defined as:

- A person who works in, or is skilled in any of the fine arts, including but not limited to literature, poetry, painting, drawing, sculpture, book arts, printmaking and mixed-media.
- A person who creates imaginative works of aesthetic value, including but not limited to literature, poetry, photography, music composition, choreography, architecture, film and video.
- A person who creates functional art, including but not limited to metal, textiles, paper, wood, ceramic, glass or plastic objects.
- A performer of theatrical arts, including but not limited to, singers, dancers, musicians, actors, performance artists; costume, lighting, sound, and set designers.

It is recognized that most artists have part-time or full time jobs that are not directly related to their art. What Mennino Place looks for is evidence of artist activities and professional commitment to the arts. In addition to the providing evidence of professional commitment, the applicant must have a minimum of 20% of their income earned from their art, supported with the required IRS income tax forms.

All applicants applying for the Artist Preference must complete the attached Artist Work Summary describing their activities and professional commitment to their art. Examples of requested information include:

- What length of time, and with what regularity, have you been producing art?
- What efforts have been made to exhibit or present your work?
- What training or instruction in the arts have you undertaken?
- To what extent have you involved yourself in the arts community?
- Do other working artists acknowledge your commitment?

Artist Preference Determination

Applicants are accepted or rejected for the artist preference based on the amount of artistic or literary activities, evidence of professional commitment and on the amount of income earned from his/her art, in the sole determination of the property manager. If an applicant's request for tenancy is rejected solely on not meeting the income threshold, that applicant may request that CATCH conduct a review of the application and make a final determination.

During the Review process, CATCH may rely on a review committee to assist in determining that the level of artistic or literary activities and evidence of professional commitments exceeds normal levels that would justify an exception to the minimum requirement of 20% earned income from the art activity. This review committee will consist of professionals representing a range art and/or literary disciplines.

Regulatory Compliance

Artist involvement is an essential component of the future success of Mennino Place as an important contributor and supporter of the Creative Economy in the City of Concord. Mennino Place is a development financed through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, and is subject to compliance with Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, as well as New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority rules and regulations. This project has income restrictions ranging from 50% to 60% of Area Median Income. Since this is an income restricted property, all Artists earning any income from their art must support the income with the required IRS income tax forms. All applicants applying for this preference will be treated consistently and fairly, and in accordance with the Fair Housing Act as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

